

# **OPEN MINUTES**

**Missouri State Committee of Marital & Family Therapists  
November 13, 2001 – 8:00 a.m. Conference Call  
Division of Professional Registration  
3605 Missouri Boulevard – Jefferson City, Missouri**

The Missouri State Committee of Marital and Family Therapists was called to order by Dr. Elizabeth Kingsley at 8:04 a.m. at the Division of Professional Registration, 3605 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, Missouri. Dr. Dorothy Becvar, Secretary, facilitated roll call.

## **Committee Members Present**

Dr. Elizabeth Kingsley, Chairperson  
Dr. Dorothy Becvar, Secretary  
Dr. Teri Loney  
Dr. John Small (Participated on the call from the division office)

## **Committee Members Absent**

Wayne Allen, Public Member  
Claudetta Feemster, Public Member

## **Staff Present**

Loree Kessler, Executive Director  
Patty Morrow, Licensure Technician  
Daryl Hylton, Assistant Attorney General (Joined the call at 8:10 a.m.)

To better track the order in which items were addressed on the agenda, each item will be listed in the order it was discussed in the meeting.

Dr. Kingsley indicated she would be voting in open and closed sessions.

A motion was made by Dr. Becvar and seconded by Dr. Small to approve the open session agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Becvar and seconded by Dr. Small to approve the open session minutes of the September 11, 2001 conference call meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

## **AAMFT & AMFTRB Update**

Dr. Becvar provided an update to the state committee regarding the annual meetings of AAMFT and AMFTRB. Dr. Becvar explained that much of the discussion at the meetings dealt with the impact of the September 11, 2001 incidents. At the AMFTRB meeting there was considerable discussion about therapy on-line via the Internet. Dr. Becvar reported that in California therapy takes place where the client is located. Therefore if a person is offering marital and family therapy via the Internet, the State of

California must license the person. However, the Attorney General of Illinois supports the concept that therapy occurs where the therapist resides.

The state committee noted it has not taken an official position on this matter, however, it would appear that Missouri's stance would be similar to California.

Dr. Becvar finalized her report noting that collaborative papers were being sponsored on this topic and this topic would continue to a concern of licensure boards.

The state committee took no official action.

### **Missouri Licensure – Track for AAMFT Certification**

The executive director stated that the amendments to the current Code of State Regulations would soon be effective and that it may be a good time to send a reminder to the state association concerning the status of Missouri licensure being used as a track for certification by AAMFT. The state committee instructed the executive director to send a letter regarding the regulatory change to Dr. Kemp association president and Dr. Koutstaal, president elect of the state association.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The state committee scheduled a conference call for 8:00 a.m., January 15, 2002.

The state committee noted that the annual state association meeting is scheduled for April 5-6, 2002 at St. Louis University.

At 8:15 a.m. a motion was made by Dr. Becvar and seconded by Dr. Loney to convene in closed session pursuant to sections 610.021(14) and 620.010.14(7) RSMo for the purpose of discussing investigative reports and/or complaints and/or audits and/or other information pertaining to the licensee or applicant, section 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo for the purpose of discussing general legal actions, causes of action or litigation, and any confidential or privileged communication between this agency and its attorney and for the purpose of reviewing and approving closed meeting minutes of one or more previous meetings under the subsections of 610.021 which authorized this agency to go into closed session during those meetings., State committee members voting aye; Dr. Kingsley, Dr. Loney, Dr. Small and Dr. Becvar. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:55 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Becvar and seconded by Dr. Small to convene in open session and adjourn the conference call meeting. State committee members voting aye; Dr. Kingsley, Dr. Loney, Dr. Small and Dr. Becvar. Motion carried unanimously

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Executive Director

Approved by State Committee on January 15, 2002